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WAR FOOD ADMINISTRATION  
Food Distribution Administration  
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To: Branch and Division Chiefs and Regional Administrators

From: Roy F. Hendrickson, Director  
Food Distribution Administration

Subject: Agreement concerning the allocation of vitamins

Attached is a memorandum of understanding between the War Production Board and the War Food Administration concerning vitamins.

This agreement assigns the primary responsibility for the allocation of vitamins to the War Food Administration. The War Production Board is given the responsibility for the distribution of vitamins to the various users of vitamins. Within the War Food Administration, the Special Commodities Branch and Requirements and Allocations Control of the Food Distribution Administration will develop the over-all allocation of vitamins to the various claimant groups.

The War Food Administration will have representation on the WPB Chemicals Division, Requirements Committees Sub-Committee of Drugs. In turn the WPB will have representation on the War Food Administration's Inter-Agency Commodity Committee and the Inter-Agency Food Allocation Committee for the purpose of considering the allocation of vitamins under this agreement.

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## AGREEMENT BETWEEN WAR PRODUCTION BOARD AND WAR FOOD ADMINISTRATION

## CONCERNING VITAMINS

In order to implement the provisions of Executive Order No. 9280 of December 5, 1942, and the determinations thereunder by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget of February 23, 1943, and the following agreement concerning Vitamins is now entered into:

1. Definitions

Vitamins for Food Fortification

For the purpose of this agreement vitamins for food fortification shall be considered any vitamins which are incorporated in foods. Foods as herein used means foods for human and animal consumption.

Pharmaceutical Vitamins

For the purpose of this agreement pharmaceutical vitamins, other than vitamins for food fortification shall be considered any vitamins contained in standard dosage forms, such as liquids, pellets, tablets, ampules, or any other form or shape.

2. Production

The War Production Board will be responsible for the production and processing of vitamins.

3. Reports

The War Production Board will furnish the War Food Administration within 15 days after the end of the applicable allocation period or at such time as may be agreed upon between the War Production Board and the War Food Administration with data relative to the production facilities and supplies of the vitamin industry for which the War Production Board has responsibility.

4. Claimant Agency

The War Production Board will be the sole claimant agency for the critical material requirements in the repair, maintenance and expansion of the vitamin industry for whose production it is responsible.

5. Priority Assistance

The Vitamin Unit, Drug and Cosmetics Section, Chemical Division of War Production Board will serve as a branch of first reference to pass upon the essentiality of all applications for priorities assistance from the producers of vitamins.

However, the War Food Administration will serve in this capacity for those applications from the fishing industry when the end use of the material and/or equipment requested is for food producing or processing purposes. In cases where the end use is for vitamin production or processing purposes, the War Production Board will serve as heretofore set forth.

## 6. Orders

- a. The War Food Administration will be responsible for issuing any orders pertaining to the use of vitamins in the fortification of food.
- b. The War Production Board will be responsible for issuing all orders for the purpose of allocating, distributing or otherwise controlling the supply of vitamins. The War Production Board will submit to the War Food Administration for its approval all proposed orders on vitamins. The War Food Administration may make recommendations to the War Production Board concerning the issuance or amendment of any vitamin order to ensure that such orders conform with the over-all allocations approved by the War Food Administrator.

## 7. Requirements and Allocations

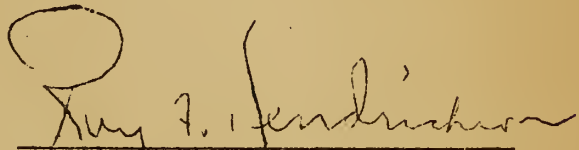
- a. Allocations of vitamins to claimants will be made by the War Food Administrator in accordance with the general provisions of Memorandum No. 1068, dated January 26, 1943, except that the provisions of paragraph 3 of this agreement shall apply in regard to determination of supply.
- b. The War Production Board will be responsible for the distribution of Vitamins to the various users of vitamins. Such distribution will conform with the over-all allocation approved by the War Food Administrator.
- c. The War Production Board will furnish the War Food Administration within 15 days after the end of the applicable allocation period, or at such time as may be agreed upon between the War Production Board and the War Food Administration, a report of the allocations made pursuant to any vitamin order or allocation. These reports will show such information as may be agreed upon between the War Production Board and the War Food Administration.
- d. The War Food Administration will have representation on the War Production Board Chemicals Division Requirements Committee's Sub-Committee on Drugs.

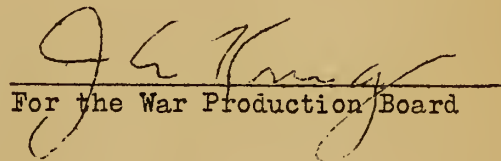


- e. The War Production Board will have representation on the War Food Administration Inter-agency Commodity Committee, and Inter-Agency Food Allocation Committee for the purpose of considering the allocation of vitamins under this agreement.

8. Information

In recognition of the respective responsibilities of the War Production Board and the War Food Administration in connection with vitamins, and, in order to effectively discharge such responsibilities, each of the said agencies agrees that it will furnish to designated representatives of the other all information as may be requested, from time to time, by such representatives.

  
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For the War Food Administration

  
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For the War Production Board

Date July 1, 1943

